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Colorado Trends

Colorado labor market conditions started the new year on a bright note. Employment opportunities continued to expand in January while unemployment reversed the December increase. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell nine-tenths of a percentage point to 4.8 percent, the lowest mark in many years. One year ago 6.2 percent of the State's labor force were without work. An estimated 83,100 Coloradans were unemployed in January, 15,500 fewer than in the prior month and 21,500 below the level of one year ago. A return to good weather plus the call back of most temporarily furloughed workers in manufacturing helped lower joblessness. Total employment advanced 16,700 over the month to reach 1,651,000. Three months of strong job growth has brought the number of workers in the State to a record level. Employment one year ago was 1,593,700.

Other statistics relating to the Department's activities point to generally favorable economic conditions in Colorado. Job placements made by the Job Service Centers totaled 5,400 in January, an increase of almost 25 percent over the year. Also, the number of persons filing new claims for unemployment benefits (down 16 percent) and those filing for continued benefits (down 13 percent) were much improved from the survey week in January last year.

Around the State, jobless levels on a seasonally unadjusted basis were a mixture of ups and downs. Thirty-two of Colorado's 63 counties experienced higher unemployment in January, a number much lower than normal for the period. Jobless rates ranged from 1.6 percent in Pitkin County to 16.7 percent in Conejos County. All but five counties posted improved conditions over the year.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported national labor force conditions remained relatively stable during January with the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment holding at 5.3 percent for the eighth month in a row. Civilian employment declined 25,000 to 117.9 million while unemployment fell 123,000 to 6.5 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell 26,000 in January to 1,467,100. The drop was less than normal for the December-January period, however. Some of the State's industries usually experience large seasonal losses at this time of year. Of the eight major nonfarm industry sectors only finance, insurance and real estate (up 300) was able to post a job gain in January. Total wage and salary jobs in the State numbered 1,438,600 one year ago.

Large seasonal declines occurred in government (down 10,700) and trade (down 10,000) during January. The closure of some schools for semester break and the end of the peak retailing season were responsible.

Both services (down 1,700) and contract construction (down 1,600) fell over the month, but by less than usual for the December-January period. Other sectors declining in January were manufacturing (down 900), transportation and public utilities (down 800) and mining (down 600).

Manufacturing employment in the State continues to perform fairly well (up 4,000 over the year) even though some high-tech companies have announced cutbacks--specifically IBM and MiniScribe. Offsetting these reductions are job increases at Exabyte Corp. and EG&G Inc. Boulder-based Exabyte is expanding shipments of its computer tape drives and expects to add up to 300 new jobs this year, while EG&G, the new operator of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant, will hire between 500 and 800 new employees this year to upgrade health, safety and environmental programs. Two hundred of these new positions have already been filled.

In a positive development for the Colorado Springs economy, the area escaped further defense spending cutbacks in the President's proposed 1991 budget just released. In addition the area is the site of a proposed $325 million theme park that would celebrate American history. Dubbed Liberty Park, it would sit on an 1,100-acre tract that would also include a convention center, hotel and other facilities. Groundbreaking on the park, which still must obtain zoning approval and financing, is scheduled for September. Opening date is planned for June 1993 with the park employing 3,700 workers at that time.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** fell seven-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent.

The jobholder count advanced 8,000 to 849,000 up almost 27,000 in the past twelve months. Unemployment, meanwhile, fell 6,400 and is now 38,800. One year ago the estimated number of jobless was 48,200.

Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs dipped 12,400 in January, a smaller than expected decline for the month. At 815,200 this series has gained 16,100 over the past year. All major sectors showed job losses during the month, the largest of which were in trade (down 4,600), government (down 3,300) and services (down 2,700).

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The Annual Planning Information Report - the Department of Labor & Employment's most comprehensive guide to economic and planning information - will be available April 15th. The report's approximately 270 pages will contain data on subjects such as industry and employment forecasts, occupational supply and demand, persons in poverty, and other demographic features of Colorado's workforce.

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	OCT 1989	JAN 1989	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1734.1	1732.9	1688.1	1698.3	1.2	46.0	35.8
Unemployment	83.1	98.6	88.9	104.6	-15.5	-5.8	-21.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.7	5.3	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	1651.0	1634.3	1599.2	1593.7	16.7	51.8	57.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1485.4	1478.6	1478.1	1459.4	6.8	7.3	26.0
Mining	19.6	19.7	19.7	19.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Contract Construction	61.1	57.4	58.6	58.0	3.7	2.5	3.1
Manufacturing	195.5	194.6	193.6	191.5	0.9	1.9	4.0
Durable Goods	123.1	122.2	121.7	120.6	0.9	1.4	2.5
Nondurable Goods	72.4	72.3	71.9	70.9	0.1	0.5	1.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	93.9	93.6	93.0	91.8	0.3	0.9	2.1
Trade	360.9	358.4	359.8	359.7	2.5	1.1	1.2
Wholesale	80.7	80.4	80.3	80.0	0.3	0.4	0.7
Retail	280.2	278.0	279.4	279.8	2.2	0.8	0.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.2	96.7	96.0	96.1	0.5	1.2	1.1
Services	385.9	385.4	384.4	373.5	0.5	1.5	12.4
Government	271.3	273.2	273.6	267.4	-1.9	-2.3	3.9
Federal	56.4	56.1	56.1	55.9	0.3	0.3	0.5
State	62.0	64.3	65.0	62.2	-2.3	-3.0	-0.2
Local	152.9	153.6	152.7	148.1	-0.7	0.2	4.8
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	887.8	886.2	867.9	870.3	1.6	19.9	17.5
Unemployment	38.8	45.2	42.2	48.2	-6.4	-3.4	-9.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	5.1	4.9	5.5	---	---	---
Employment	849.0	841.0	825.7	822.1	8.0	23.3	26.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	827.8	823.1	822.0	812.0	4.7	5.8	15.8
Mining	11.8	11.6	11.7	11.9	0.2	0.1	-0.1
Contract Construction	32.8	31.3	31.2	30.7	1.5	1.6	2.1
Manufacturing	95.9	95.7	95.6	95.3	0.2	0.3	0.6
Durable Goods	50.8	50.5	50.6	50.7	0.3	0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods	45.1	45.2	45.1	44.6	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	68.3	68.1	67.6	66.8	0.2	0.7	1.5
Trade	202.9	199.9	201.4	200.5	3.0	1.5	2.4
Wholesale	56.0	56.0	56.3	55.9	0.0	-0.3	0.1
Retail	146.9	143.9	145.0	144.6	3.0	1.9	2.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.1	63.9	63.9	63.6	0.2	0.2	0.5
Services	222.3	222.1	221.2	215.5	0.2	1.1	6.8
Government	129.7	129.6	129.5	127.4	0.1	0.2	2.3
Federal	32.8	32.8	32.7	32.9	0.0	0.1	-0.1
State	27.1	26.8	27.1	27.4	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Local	69.8	70.3	69.8	66.6	-0.5	0.0	3.2
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	138270	137630	133170	133940	640	5100	4330
Unemployment	4880	5970	5180	6290	-1090	-300	-1410
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	4.3	3.9	4.7	---	---	---
Employment	133390	131660	127990	127650	1730	5400	5740
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	193530	193160	188360	188060	370	5170	5470
Unemployment	11250	13340	12470	13530	-2090	-1220	-2280
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	182280	179820	175890	174530	2460	6390	7750
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	96420	96410	96800	94940	10	-380	1480
Unemployment	4240	4980	5040	5380	-740	-800	-1140
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	5.2	5.2	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	92180	91430	91760	89560	750	420	2620
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	69180	69760	68340	67350	-580	840	1830
Unemployment	3340	4470	3880	4480	-1130	-540	-1140
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	6.4	5.7	6.7	---	---	---
Employment	65840	65290	64460	62870	550	1380	2970
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49620	50150	49090	49360	-530	530	260
Unemployment	3490	4190	3850	4610	-700	-360	-1120
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	8.4	7.8	9.3	---	---	---
Employment	46130	45960	45240	44750	170	890	1380

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1705.2	1732.3	1673.1	-27100	32100
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	92.2	96.4	116.1	-4200	-23900
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.6	6.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1613.0	1635.9	1557.0	-22900	56000
Nonagricultural 5/	1573.9	1605.4	1525.0	-31500	48900
Agricultural	39.1	30.5	32.0	8600	7100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1467.1	1493.1	1438.6	-26000	28500
GOODS PRODUCING	267.5	270.6	260.6	-3100	6900
SERVICE PRODUCING	1199.6	1222.5	1178.0	-22900	21600
MINING	19.4	20.0	19.3	-600	100
Metal Mining	3.4	3.5	3.1	-100	300
Coal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	200
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.2	12.7	12.6	-500	-400
CONSTRUCTION	54.2	55.8	51.4	-1600	2800
General Building Contractors	13.0	13.3	12.6	-300	400
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	6.7	6.9	6.8	-200	-100
Special Trade Contractors	34.5	35.6	32.0	-1100	2500
MANUFACTURING	193.9	194.8	189.9	-900	4000
Durable Goods	121.9	121.9	119.4	0	2500
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture	6.6	6.7	6.5	-100	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.8	7.9	7.3	-100	500
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.4	14.2	13.4	200	1000
Computer & Office Equipment	21.4	21.4	20.9	0	500
Instruments & Related Products	19.6	19.6	19.4	0	200
Nondurable Goods	72.0	72.9	70.5	-900	1500
Food & Kindred Products	25.4	25.9	25.1	-500	300
Meat Products	7.6	8.0	7.7	-400	-100
Dairy Products	2.1	2.2	2.1	-100	0
Beverages	7.5	7.5	7.4	0	100
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	4.6	4.6	4.7	0	-100
Paper & Allied Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	24.1	24.3	23.4	-200	700
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.2	9.1	8.5	100	700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	93.3	94.1	91.3	-800	2000
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	100
Trucking & Warehousing	20.4	21.5	19.5	-1100	900
Transportation by Air	18.9	18.7	18.6	200	300
Communications	28.4	28.4	27.8	0	600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.5	12.4	12.2	100	300
TRADE	357.7	367.7	356.6	-10000	1100
Wholesale Trade	79.7	80.4	79.1	-700	600
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	49.7	49.9	49.6	-200	100
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	30.0	30.5	29.5	-500	500
Retail Trade	278.0	287.3	277.5	-9300	500
General Merchandise Stores	32.3	34.4	30.6	-2100	1700
Food Stores	42.3	43.0	41.2	-700	1100
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	29.8	29.8	28.9	0	900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	15.0	16.1	15.4	-1100	-400
Eating & Drinking Places	102.2	105.0	105.8	-2800	-3600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	96.9	96.6	95.8	300	1100
Depository Institutions	25.7	25.7	25.8	0	-100
Insurance	28.1	28.0	27.2	100	900
Real Estate	24.3	24.0	24.9	300	-600
SERVICES	383.6	385.3	371.3	-1700	12300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	29.3	29.4	28.9	-100	400
Personal Services	16.4	16.3	16.1	100	300
Business Services	77.9	79.2	76.3	-1300	1600
Computer & Data Processing Services	17.6	17.6	16.8	0	800
Motion Pictures	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	100
Amusements & Recreation Services	27.3	26.5	26.9	800	400
Ski Lift Operators	10.9	9.8	12.3	1100	-1400
Health Services	95.0	95.2	90.1	-200	4900
Hospitals	40.0	40.0	37.7	0	2300
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	31.9	32.1	30.4	-200	1500
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	17.9	17.9	17.2	0	700
Legal Services	13.8	13.9	13.1	-100	700
Educational Services	12.1	12.0	11.8	100	300
Social Services	20.8	20.9	19.4	-100	1400
Membership Organizations	22.0	22.1	21.8	-100	200
Engineering & Management Services	39.0	39.2	37.8	-200	1200
Agricultural Services	5.9	6.4	5.2	-500	700
GOVERNMENT	268.1	278.8	263.0	-10700	5100
Federal Government	55.6	56.1	55.1	-500	500
State Government	59.9	67.1	60.1	-7200	-200
State Education	35.3	42.4	35.8	-7100	-500
Local Government	152.6	155.6	147.8	-3000	4800
Local Education	83.5	86.0	81.3	-2500	2200
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	876.3	891.7	860.4	-15400	15900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	43.4	45.7	53.9	-2300	-10500
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.1	6.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	832.9	846.0	806.5	-13100	26400
Nonagricultural 5/	826.0	840.6	800.8	-14600	25200
Agricultural	6.9	5.4	5.7	1500	1200
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	815.2	827.6	799.1	-12400	16100
GOODS PRODUCING	136.6	137.8	134.2	-1200	2400
SERVICE PRODUCING	678.6	689.8	664.9	-11200	13700
MINING	11.7	11.8	11.8	-100	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.5	9.6	9.7	-100	-200
CONSTRUCTION	29.8	30.4	27.9	-600	1900
General Building Contractors	6.1	6.3	6.1	-200	0
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	4.4	4.6	3.7	-200	700
Special Trade Contractors	19.3	19.5	18.1	-200	1200
MANUFACTURING	95.1	95.6	94.5	-500	600
Durable Goods	50.3	50.4	50.2	-100	100
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture.	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	-100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	100
Nondurable Goods	44.8	45.2	44.3	-400	500
Food & Kindred Products	13.8	14.0	13.8	-200	0
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	13.6	13.8	13.4	-200	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	400
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	67.8	68.2	66.2	-400	1600
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.8	2.0	100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	13.8	14.2	13.1	-400	700
Transportation by Air	17.0	16.9	16.9	100	100
Communications	22.3	22.4	21.7	-100	600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	300
TRADE	200.9	205.5	198.6	-4600	2300
Wholesale Trade	55.5	55.9	55.4	-400	100
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	36.6	36.7	36.7	-100	-100
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	18.9	19.2	18.7	-300	200
Retail Trade	145.4	149.6	143.2	-4200	2200
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	22.5	27.8	25.0	-5300	-2500
Food Stores	22.3	22.8	21.7	-500	600
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.0	15.0	14.4	0	600
Eating & Drinking Places	52.9	53.1	52.4	-200	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.3	63.5	62.9	-200	400
Depository Institutions	14.7	14.6	14.7	100	0
Nondepository Institutions	6.6	6.6	6.9	0	-300
Insurance	20.0	20.1	19.6	-100	400
Real Estate	13.5	13.6	13.8	-100	-300
SERVICES	218.1	220.8	211.5	-2700	6600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.1	11.2	10.6	-100	500
Personal Services	9.2	9.2	9.3	0	-100
Business Services	52.5	53.7	52.4	-1200	100
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	10.6	10.9	10.1	-300	500
Health Services	54.0	54.2	50.8	-200	3200
Hospitals	24.4	24.5	23.0	-100	1400
Legal Services	10.0	10.1	9.5	-100	500
Educational Services	8.8	8.6	8.2	200	600
Social Services	10.8	10.9	10.4	-100	400
Engineering & Management Services	24.0	24.1	23.3	-100	700
Agricultural Services	3.2	3.8	3.1	-600	100
GOVERNMENT	128.5	131.8	125.7	-3300	2800
Federal Government	32.8	33.1	32.9	-300	-100
State Government	26.0	27.1	26.3	-1100	-300
State Education	9.9	10.9	10.1	-1000	-200
Local Government	69.7	71.6	66.5	-1900	3200
Local Education	38.8	40.4	37.1	-1600	1700
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	135.6	138.5	131.5	-2900	4100
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.4	6.1	7.0	-700	-1600
Unemployment (%)	4.0	4.4	5.3	-400	-1300
EMPLOYMENT	130.2	132.4	124.5	-2200	5700
Nonagricultural 5/	128.6	131.2	123.2	-2600	5400
Agricultural	1.6	1.2	1.3	400	300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	113.4	115.5	109.9	-2100	3500
GOODS PRODUCING	34.9	35.0	33.9	-100	1000
SERVICE PRODUCING	78.5	80.5	76.0	-2000	2500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	3.7	3.9	3.3	-200	400
MANUFACTURING	31.2	31.1	30.6	100	600
Durable Goods	25.0	25.0	24.8	0	200
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.1	5.8	100	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.5	2.3	-100	100
TRADE	23.4	24.4	23.0	-1000	400
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	100
Retail Trade	20.2	21.2	19.9	-1000	300
Eating & Drinking Places	7.9	8.3	8.0	-400	-100
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.3	12.9	11.9	-600	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	100
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	200
SERVICES	27.0	27.1	24.8	-100	2200
GOVERNMENT	21.5	22.3	21.8	-800	-300
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	9.6	10.2	10.2	-600	-600
State Education	9.3	10.0	9.9	-700	-600
Local Government	9.3	9.5	9.0	-200	300
Local Education	5.3	5.3	5.0	0	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	190.4	193.5	185.5	-3100	4900
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	12.5	13.1	15.1	-600	-2600
Unemployment (%)	6.6	6.8	8.1	-200	-1500
EMPLOYMENT	177.9	180.4	170.4	-2500	7500
Nonagricultural 5/	176.7	179.4	169.3	-2700	7400
Agricultural	1.2	1.0	1.1	200	100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	153.0	155.0	148.1	-2000	4900
GOODS PRODUCING	31.7	32.1	30.4	-400	1300
SERVICE PRODUCING	121.3	122.9	117.7	-1600	3600
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6.7	7.1	6.1	-400	600
MANUFACTURING	25.0	25.0	24.3	0	700
Durable Goods	19.5	19.6	19.0	-100	500
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.3	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	5.7	0	300
TRADE	35.6	36.4	35.1	-800	500
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.4	5.3	-100	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.6	-100	0
Retail Trade	30.3	31.0	29.8	-700	500
Eating & Drinking Places	12.7	12.5	11.8	200	900
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	17.6	18.5	18.0	-900	-400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	9.1	9.1	8.9	0	200
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.9	3.0	3.0	-100	-100
SERVICES	40.8	41.2	39.5	-400	1300
GOVERNMENT	29.8	30.2	28.5	-400	1300
Federal Government	9.7	9.7	9.2	0	500
State Government	2.5	2.7	2.5	-200	0
State Education	1.8	2.1	1.8	-300	0
Local Government	17.6	17.8	16.8	-200	800
Local Education	9.7	9.9	9.4	-200	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	January 1990 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	December 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5812	5357	455	7.8	--	6002	5534	468	7.8
Archuleta	2486	2293	193	7.8	--	2476	2265	211	8.5
Baca	2034	1994	40	2.0	--	1900	1857	43	2.3
Bent	2077	2015	62	3.0	--	2052	1955	97	4.7
Chaffee	6301	5806	495	7.9	--	6622	6118	504	7.6
Cheyenne	1019	975	44	4.3	--	953	935	18	1.9
Clear Creek	2770	2577	193	7.0	--	2767	2599	168	6.1
Co. Springs MSA	190435	177910	12525	6.6	--	193493	180363	13130	6.8
Conejos	2490	2073	417	16.7	--	2372	2024	348	14.7
Costilla	983	860	123	12.5	--	950	843	107	11.3
Crowley	1541	1454	87	5.6	--	1519	1444	75	4.9
Custer	730	682	48	6.6	--	713	658	55	7.7
Delta	7889	7207	682	8.6	--	7847	7262	585	7.5
Den-Bldr CMSA	1011991	963115	48876	4.8	--	1030248	978454	51794	5.0
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	135619	130188	5431	4.0	--	138550	132448	6102	4.4
-Denver MSA	876372	832927	43445	5.0	--	891698	846006	45692	5.1
---Adams	148182	139215	8967	6.1	--	150598	141401	9197	6.1
---Arapahoe	211621	203567	8054	3.8	--	215395	206764	8631	4.0
---Denver	261852	246455	15397	5.9	--	266517	250325	16192	6.1
---Douglas	23175	22106	1069	4.6	--	23552	22453	1099	4.7
---Jefferson	231543	221584	9959	4.3	--	235639	225063	10576	4.5
Dolores	1079	988	91	8.4	--	1014	982	32	3.2
Eagle	16079	15707	372	2.3	--	15722	15357	365	2.3
Elbert	3722	3436	286	7.7	--	3692	3410	282	7.6
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93279	88217	5062	5.4	--	96428	91065	5363	5.6
Fremont	11196	10266	930	8.3	--	11475	10584	891	7.8
Garfield	14837	14062	775	5.2	--	14966	14283	683	4.6
Gilpin	1364	1275	89	6.5	--	1394	1313	81	5.8
Grand	5845	5668	177	3.0	--	5907	5719	188	3.2
Greeley MSA	67223	63340	3883	5.8	--	69032	64441	4591	6.7
Gunnison	6173	5952	221	3.6	--	6231	5962	269	4.3
Hinsdale	401	377	24	6.0	--	496	472	24	4.8
Huerfano	2273	2042	231	10.2	--	2212	2003	209	9.4
Jackson	866	822	44	5.1	--	826	788	38	4.6
Kiowa	905	889	16	1.8	--	856	818	38	4.4
Kit Carson	3740	3645	95	2.5	--	3564	3471	93	2.6
Lake	1489	1366	123	8.3	--	1503	1394	109	7.3
La Plata	16443	15433	1010	6.1	--	16235	15269	966	6.0
Las Animas	4722	4257	465	9.8	--	4899	4433	466	9.5
Lincoln	2217	2169	48	2.2	--	2247	2132	115	5.1
Logan	8876	8500	376	4.2	--	8929	8429	500	5.6
Mesa	41219	38320	2899	7.0	--	41412	38745	2667	6.4
Mineral	205	175	30	14.6	--	185	147	38	20.5
Moffat	4814	4410	404	8.4	--	4869	4531	338	6.9
Montezuma	8480	7663	817	9.6	--	8485	7843	642	7.6
Montrose	11560	10649	911	7.9	--	11504	10659	845	7.3
Morgan	9827	9229	598	6.1	--	9851	9241	610	6.2
Otero	8262	7495	767	9.3	--	8424	7654	770	9.1
Ouray	1500	1361	139	9.3	--	1472	1353	119	8.1
Park	3179	3008	171	5.4	--	3176	3018	158	5.0
Phillips	2122	2056	66	3.1	--	1961	1927	34	1.7
Pitkin	10880	10711	169	1.6	--	10687	10420	267	2.5
Prowers	5989	5629	360	6.0	--	6164	5670	494	8.0
Pueblo MSA	48895	44978	3917	8.0	--	49925	45680	4245	8.5
Rio Blanco	2727	2590	137	5.0	--	2804	2642	162	5.8
Rio Grande	4599	4126	473	10.3	--	4608	4164	444	9.6
Routt	9649	9311	338	3.5	--	9876	9447	429	4.3
Saguache	1506	1319	187	12.4	--	1413	1249	164	11.6
San Juan	482	428	54	11.2	--	489	444	45	9.2
San Miguel	3297	3152	145	4.4	--	3154	2998	156	4.9
Sedgwick	1412	1338	74	5.2	--	1351	1286	65	4.8
Summit	11109	10775	334	3.0	--	11157	10971	186	1.7
Teller	5221	4825	396	7.6	--	5341	4918	423	7.9
Washington	2421	2316	105	4.3	--	2250	2143	107	4.8
Yuma	4581	4408	173	3.8	--	4224	4109	115	2.7
COLORADO	1705217	1612996	92221	5.4	--	1732336	1635901	96435	5.6

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January 1989 Revised

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5925	5384	541	9.1
Archuleta	2395	2147	248	10.4
Baca	1785	1704	81	4.5
Bent	2017	1893	124	6.1
Chaffee	6494	5948	546	8.4
Cheyenne	1033	915	118	11.4
Clear Creek	2770	2535	235	8.5
Co. Springs MSA	185399	170345	15054	8.1
Conejos	2485	1954	531	21.4
Costilla	1072	843	229	21.4
Crowley	1513	1387	126	8.3
Custer	707	636	71	10.0
Delta	8189	7295	894	10.9
Den-Bldr CMSA	991952	931024	60928	6.1
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	131488	124485	7003	5.3
-Denver MSA	860464	806539	53925	6.3
---Adams	146723	134805	11918	8.1
---Arapahoe	207218	197118	10100	4.9
---Denver	256983	238647	18336	7.1
---Douglas	22589	21406	1183	5.2
---Jefferson	226953	214564	12389	5.5
Dolores	988	937	51	5.2
Eagle	15569	15006	563	3.6
Elbert	3731	3412	319	8.5
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92134	85713	6421	7.0
Fremont	11331	10154	1177	10.4
Garfield	15277	13985	1292	8.5
Gilpin	1112	1035	77	6.9
Grand	5584	5441	143	2.6
Greeley MSA	65693	60485	5208	7.9
Gunnison	5993	5766	227	3.8
Hinsdale	380	356	24	6.3
Huerfano	2195	1925	270	12.3
Jackson	842	795	47	5.6
Kiowa	926	808	118	12.7
Kit Carson	3575	3444	131	3.7
Lake	1460	1302	158	10.8
La Plata	16356	15098	1258	7.7
Las Animas	4693	4177	516	11.0
Lincoln	2117	2042	75	3.5
Logan	8518	8176	342	4.0
Mesa	40752	36905	3847	9.4
Mineral	253	214	39	15.4
Moffat	4859	4352	507	10.4
Montezuma	8656	7507	1149	13.3
Montrose	11279	10036	1243	11.0
Morgan	9481	8724	757	8.0
Otero	8109	7148	961	11.9
Ouray	1378	1282	96	7.0
Park	2918	2691	227	7.8
Phillips	2016	1888	128	6.3
Pitkin	10388	10236	152	1.5
Prowers	6268	5562	706	11.3
Pueblo MSA	48791	43628	5163	10.6
Rio Blanco	2653	2448	205	7.7
Rio Grande	4598	4048	550	12.0
Routt	9417	8942	475	5.0
Saguache	1443	1240	203	14.1
San Juan	506	435	71	14.0
San Miguel	3211	3010	201	6.3
Sedgwick	1342	1250	92	6.9
Summit	10892	10545	347	3.2
Teller	5173	4679	494	9.5
Washington	2245	2095	150	6.7
Yuma	4205	4040	165	3.9
COLORADO	1673041	1556973	116068	6.9

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989
CONSTRUCTION...	$461.16	$450.56	$457.73	36.6	35.2	35.9	$12.60	$12.80	$12.75
MANUFACTURING...	$416.85	$434.43	$413.52	39.4	41.1	39.8	$10.58	$10.57	$10.39
Durable Goods...	$414.09	$439.32	$437.64	39.4	42.0	42.0	$10.51	$10.46	$10.42
Nondurable Goods...	$421.47	$427.05	$378.81	39.5	39.8	36.6	$10.67	$10.73	$10.35

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 2/ 1990	DEC 3/ 1989	JAN 1989
CONSTRUCTION...	$481.14	$475.62	$484.81	36.7	35.6	36.7	$13.11	$13.36	$13.21
MANUFACTURING...	$456.68	$482.57	$459.33	38.8	41.0	39.7	$11.77	$11.77	$11.57
Durable Goods...	$452.01	$499.68	$475.78	39.0	43.3	40.7	$11.59	$11.54	$11.69
Nondurable Goods...	$461.66	$464.36	$441.20	38.6	38.6	38.6	$11.96	$12.03	$11.43

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	JAN 1989	JAN 1990	DEC 1989	JAN 1989
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims...	16,102	14,597	17,522	8,157	7,652	8,824
Continued Claims...	123,850	84,149	132,610	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated.	95,763	64,053	101,862	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid...	$15,781,494	$10,457,535	$16,118,862	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available...	$220,674,047	$230,762,203	$147,057,394	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work...	17,511	12,661	14,046	8,552	6,089	7,050
Nonagricultural Placements..	5,286	5,485	4,298	1,811	2,005	1,711
Agricultural Placements...	125	107	56	39	21	11

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

December 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force...	123,998	1732.3	1691.3	481.4	396.6	704.7	804.5	227.4
Unemployment...	6,300	96.4	68.1	22.2	21.1	38.8	28.4	13.3
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.1	5.6	4.0	4.6	5.3	5.5	3.5	5.9
Employment...	117,698	1635.9	1623.2	459.2	375.5	665.9	776.1	214.1

Labor Market Information

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

FIRST CLASS